



Press Release

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On: JUNE EGG PRODUCTION
UP 9 PERCENT FROM A YEAR AGO

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Austin . . . June egg production in Texas totaled 408 million eggs, up 9 percent from June 2005, but down 2 percent from May 2006, according to the monthly report released by the Texas Field Office.

The number of layers during June averaged 18.4 million, up 7 percent from last year but down slightly from May 2006. Egg production per 100 layers averaged 2,220 eggs, up 2 percent from last year and down 2 percent from last month.

Texas hatchery production of broiler-type chicks in June totaled 54.5 million, down 2 percent from last year.

United States egg production totaled 7.38 billion eggs during June 2006, up 1 percent from last year. Production included 6.33 billion table eggs, 991 million broiler-type hatching eggs and 66 million egg-type hatching eggs.

Nationally, the total number of layers averaged 342 million during June 2006, up 1 percent from last year. Production per 100 layers was 2,159 eggs, down slightly from June 2005.

The U.S. monthly hatch of egg-type chicks totaled 37.7 million, up 8 percent from June 2005. The hatch of broiler-type chicks, at 788 million, was down 1 percent from June of last year.

The leading U.S. breeders placed 7.64 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during June 2006, up 7 percent from June 2005.